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Title:	DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE MINIMALLY INVASIVE WITHDRAWAL OF BLOOD FROM ANIMALS BY USING BLOOD- SUCKING ASSASSIN BUGS		

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AMENDMENT WITH RCE

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 20, 2009 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the February 20, 2009 Final Office Action was due May 20, 2009. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and Request for Continued Examination, including the required fees. Therefore, a response is due June 20, 2009. Since June 20, 2009 was a Saturday, the response is due the following working day, Monday, June 22, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.